GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6150
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IMPORT OF COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways has imported coaches from Alstom, LHB;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Railways have made trial of such coaches on Indian Tracks before procurement of such coaches;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Railways to avoid recurrence of such lapses in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 24 Nos. of All Metal Light Weight High speed coaches have been imported from M/s ALSTOM − LHB, Germany. Foreign Exchange spent on import of these 24 coaches was Deutsche Marks 52,663,000 (Rs. 106 crore approx.)

(c) & (d) No, Sir. Trials of coaches on Indian Tracks before procurement was not possible without their physical receipt in India. However, before placement of order, the offer of M/s ALSTOM, LHB was technically scrutinized and found to be state-of-the-art technology and also conforming to Indian Railway's laid down technical specifications.

(e) There is no lapse.